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I have attached the executive summary of the 2015 Comparison Cities Crime Trend Report, which is generated annually by the Crime Commission and based on data from the FBI Uniform Crime Reports. (The entire report is 138 pages. I am glad to furnish it to anyone who wants it.)

There are three comparisons in the report. All three compare Memphis to other cities for 2015 crime rates, 2015 crime rates compared to 2014, and 2015 crime rates compared to 2006.

Here is a snapshot of all three comparisons and what they show for 2015:

1. The first comparison is a group of 16 cities identified by the Crime Commission board as part of Operation: Safe Community. (The Crime Commission board can, of course, change this list for 2017.) Of these 16 cities, in 2015, Memphis was 3rd in its violent crime rate (behind St. Louis and Birmingham) and 3rd in its property crime rate (again behind St. Louis and Birmingham).
2. The second comparison is a group of 13 "cities of choice" identified by the Wharton administration. (This group can, of course, be changed by this administration beginning in 2017.) Of these 13 cities, Memphis was 3rd in its violent crime rate (again behind St. Louis and Birmingham) and 5th in its property crime rate (behind St. Louis, Birmingham, Chattanooga and Knoxville).
3. The third comparison is with 22 cities with a population of 500,000 - 1 million. Memphis was 2nd in its violent crime rate (behind Detroit) and 3rd in its property crime rate (behind Albuquerque and San Francisco).

Just as another observation from the report : Looking at the longer term trend from 2006 - 2015, we outpaced the nation in our reduction of the property crime rate (minus 32.7 % v. minus 25.7 % nationwide). However, we did not keep pace with the nation in reduction of the violent crime rate (minus 13.5% v. minus 22.3% nationwide). This is due to erosion after 2011 in our significant reductions from 2007-11. (And, of course, there's a correlation in this erosion and the erosion of police personnel.)

It is not our intention to issue any press release on these comparisons. Since it is commissioned and paid for by the Crime Commission, though, I am inclined to think we should share a brief summary of it with our board at the

January 19 board meeting.

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As requested.. Sam

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